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SOUTHERN AFRICA

SUMMARY: CHAIRMAN OF UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, AMB. HARRIMAN (NIGERIA), WHO IS ATTENDING OAU MEETINGS IN KHARTOUM AS AN OBSERVER, GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 10 TO REINFORCE COMMITTEE'S POSITION TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. HE DEVOTED GREATEST PORTION OF GIVE-AND-TAKE WITH PRESS TO TACTICS NECESSARY TO DISMANTLE APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. HOWEVER, HE DID DIRECT SOME CRITICAL COMMENTS TOWARD U.S. IN MOOD OF DISAPPOINTMENT MORE THAN ONE OF ANGER. EMD SUMMARY

1. AMB. HARRIMAN MADE OPENING REMARKS TO PRESS CORPS COVERING OAU KHARTOUM MEETINGS AND THEN FIELDDED QUESTIONS
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FROM CORRESPONDENTS, INCLUDING ONES FROM VOA, AP AND UPI. AMONG MAJORITY OF RESPONSES DIRECTED AT WESTERN COUNTRIES, HARRIMAN PARTICULARLY MENTIONED U.S. NUMBER OF TIMES. HE SAID HOPES OF UN MEMBERS WORKING VIGOROUSLY AGAINST APARTHEID WERE RASIED CONSIDERABLY WITH INFUSION OF NEW BLOOD AT UN WHEN CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE. ALTHOUGH ENCORAGING AT FIRST, HARRIMAN THOUGHT U.S.

EFFORTS HAD WORSENERD PROBLEM OF APARTHEID RATHER THAN EASED IT.

2. HARRIMAN ASSERTED THAT EACH TIME UN WAS POISED TO IMPOSE FULL SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAD PREVAILED UPON UN MEMBERS TO BE PATIENT AND RESOLVE NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA QUESTIONS FIRST. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, SOUTH AFRICA WAS ROOT OF PROBLEM AND IF APARTHEID COULD BE DESTROYED, NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA PROBLEMS WOULD EVAPORATE. ALL U.S. HAS ACHIEVED IS TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON VORSTER REGIME. HE SAID "THERE IS TOO MUCH TALK AND TOO LITTLE ACTION."

3. AS A FIRST STEP, HARRIMAN URGED U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES TO ENDORSE "NORDIC PROPOSAL" THAT THERE BE NO NEW INVESTMENT, NO NEW LOANS AND NO GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID HE RECENTLY MADE PROPOSAL TO EEC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON THAT IF WEST IS SERIOUS ABOUT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, AT MINIMUM IT SHOULD INSIST UPON FREE TRADE UNIONS AND WESTERN VALUES TO PROVIDE POLITICAL FORUM AND ECONOMIC LEVERAGE FOR BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS.

4. WHILE NOT BEING AN APOLOGIST FOR "DICTATOR IN UGANDA," HARRIMAN SAID IT WAS "INCREDIBLE, UNETHICAL AND TOTALLY HYPOCRITICAL" OF U.S. CONGRESS TO INVOKE SANCTIONS
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AGAINST UGANDAN COFFEE GROWERS, WHO OPPRESSED BY AMIN, AND THEN CLAIM IT "CANNOT EVERN CONSIDER" POSSIBILITY OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONGRESS WOULD PROHIBIT ANY FURTHER EXIM BANK DEALINGS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

5. HARRIMAN SAID PATIENCE WITH U.S. WAS RUNNING OUT IN UN. HE BELIEVED OAU WOULD PASS RESOLUTION IN KHARTOUM CALLING FOR FULL SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. YET IN DIFFERENT CONTEXT HE DEFENDED NECESSITY FOR SOME AFRICAN STATES TO MAINTAIN SOME ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA SO AS TO FEED THEIR PEOPLE. THESE STATES HAVE INHERITED ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURES FROM COLONIAL PAST DIABOLICALLY DESIGNED TO ENFORCE DEPENDENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA. HE EXPECTED OAU WOULD CONTINUE TO CALL FOR INCREASED MATERIAL SUPPORT OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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